(b) the amount of payment to be made as a 'Putta' tariff for each of the Aeroplane and the details of the payment made in foreign exchange; and

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of 'Putta' in regard to the maintenance and operation of the Aeroplanes and the employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During 1991, both Air India and Indian Airlines have not acquired any new aircraft. There are no proposals for purchase of any aircraft during the current year also.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatisation of ITDC hotels

81. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 192 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision in the matter of developing small groups of I.T.D.C. hotels as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not by when Government are likely to take a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under active consideration. However, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which the final decision would be taken.

Losses incurred by Vayudoot

82. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot has lately launched a special drive to take the third level feeder airline out of the red by recovering long outstanding dues;

(b) if so, what succees has so far been achieved in this direction; and

(c) what is the estimated profit or loss for the year 1991-92 and the accumulated loss so far incurred by the airline as on March 31, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts made by a Special Collection Team constituted for recovery of the amounts outstanding against the agents have shown encouraging results. This has resulted in considerable reduction of outstandings. Further, Bank guarantees invoked against the defaulting agents have also helped in reducing the outstandings. A scheme of advance payment by cash/bank drafts has been introduced recently.

(c) The estimated loss of Vayudoot during 1991-92 is about Rs. 30.59 crores. The accumulated loss of Yayudoot upto 1991-92 is about Rs. 159.00 crores.

Strike notice by Air Traffic Controllers

83 SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controllers all over the country have decided to go on a "work

to rule" from the 1st of May, 1992 and an indefinite strike from 1st of June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Air Traffic Controller's Guild, while seeking better career prospects, has given notice to resort to work to rule from 15th May, 1992. An Empowered Committee has been set up to carry out cadre review of all disciplines in National Airports Authority and to look into other grievances of the employees with a view to providing suitable solutions.

Increasing international network by Indian Airlines

84. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to increase its International network; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has a plan to introduce a service to Kualalumpur.

Report on Imphal air crash

85. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Imphal air crash enquiry has been submitted to Government; and

(b) if not, by when the same is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA). (a) No, Sir.

(b) The report is expected to be received in May, 1992.

Operation of Airbus A-320

86. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has done a lot of modifications on the A-320 aircrafts after the Bangalore crash;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of A-320 aircraft being operated by Indian Airlines at present; and

(d) what is the total number of A-320 aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All the 18 A-320 aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines are presently under operation.

Concession in domestic flights of Indian Airlines

87. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give concession in domestic flights of Indian Airlines and other Air services to foreign and inland tourists visiting certain places of tourist interest in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;